

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

November 19, 1887.

My dear Mr. Darwin

Although you may well imagine that my pen is very busy and my hand well-tired with the use I have to make of it, I will not stop from my hearty acknowledgments and my sincere thanks for your felicitations of yesterday, which were so very agreeable in form and sentiment. Mrs. Gray, my better-half, wishes to add her share for the

gratitude. The hands
of the lovely vase will
always recall to
memory your contri-
bution to the histori-
cal commemoration
of your old friend

Asa Gray

P. S. Do come & see
the vase.